REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9, 11-18, 20, and 22-26 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Bates* and further in view of *Hill*. Claims 8, 10, 19, and 21 are rejected under 365 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Bates* and *Hill* and further in view of *Trcka*. Claims 1-26 are also rejected under 35 USC 112 as being indefinite. Claims 1 and 12 have been amended to address this rejection.

Claim 1 provides (emphasis added):

"a scan log which is sent back to at least one of the first anti-virus scanning server and the second anti-virus scanning server over said distributed computer network from each client user detailing specific results of the virus scanning on each client end-user computer by said antivirus scanning program;"

Claim 12 provides (emphasis added):

"generating a scan log from each scanned client end-user computer and sending the scan log back from each client user over said distributed computer network, the scan log detailing specific results of the scanning program on each client end-user computer;"

These limitations show that virus scanning is performed on the client end-user devices and sent back to a network component, such as an anti-virus scanning server.

The *Hill* reference does not teach or suggest, alone or in combination with the other references, that scan log data are generated on a client end-user computer and sent to an anti-virus scanning server. *Hill* discloses a network status display 42 for use by a network manager (see, e.g., column 5, lines 16-20). After examining the reference as a whole and in combination with the *Bates* reference, it is apparent that the display of virus information, such as maps, location identifiers, attack status, and so on, is on a network status display 42 and not on the end-user client computers. The *Bates* reference, specifically column 8, lines 11 to 15, teaches that if a virus is found by the Web server, the server notifies the Web client. That is, information about the virus goes from server to the client. Portions of *Bates* that do discuss virus information going from the client to the server (for example, column 11, lines 39 to 46), disclose that a user enter information regarding a virus into a virus feedback form using a display window. However, this does not show or suggest, alone or in combination with the other references, that the client end-

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user computer generate a scan log using an anti-virus program on the client device. Thus, Applicant believes that the references, alone or in combination, do not show, teach, or suggest that scanned log information regarding viruses is performed on the client end-user computer.

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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